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1. REFTELS LISTED SEVERAL ISSUES LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUBJECT MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO THOSE ITEMS, EMBASSY MAY CONVEY FOLLOWING TO ITALIAN PRESIDENCY.

2. CYPRUS. WE BELIEVE DEMARCHES MADE BY US AND EC IN EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT EARLY RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS HAVE BEEN USEFUL. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE APPEARS TO BE ATTITUDE AMONG PARTIES THAT FURTHER SPECIFICITY IN EACH OTHERS' POSITIONS IS REQUIRED BEFORE TALKS RESUME. IT IS LIKELY THAT PARTIES WILL NOT AGREE TO RESUME TALKS BEFORE CONCLUSION OF NOVEMBER 10 UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE. NEVERTHELESS, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO URGE FLEXIBILITY ON THE PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO GET INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS GOING AGAIN ASAP. RE PARA 4, REF B, WE ARE NOT AT THIS TIME LINKING TRAGIC DEATHS OF TURKISH AMBASSADORS TO CYPRUS SITUATION.

3. MID-EAST. OUR POSITION ON NOVEMBER 1973 EC ME DECLARATION AND PROPOSALS FOR UP-DATE OR NEW LANGUAGE REMAINS AS PROVIDED STATE 246290. RE ITALIAN DESIRE FOR REPORT ON SADAT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WE FEEL ANY ASSESSMENT IN ADVANCE VISIT'S CONCLUSION NOVEMBER 5 WOULD BE PREMATURE ON OUR PART. RE PARA 6, REF B, YOU MAY TELL ITALIANS WE HAVE URGED RESTRAINT CONCERNING LEBANESE SITUATION IN THE APPROPRIATE QUARTERS.

4. ZIONISM/RACISM. DEVELOPMENTS AND US VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE SEPTEL.

5. UK SEAT AT DECEMBER CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. US POSITION REMAINS AS STATED IN STATE 239890. KISSINGER

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